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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. AT HIS BERLIN PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 26 ON BERLIN,
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON VARIETY OF POLITICAL
AND NON-CONFERENCE RELATED ECONOMIC TOPICS, INCLUDING
FOLLOWING:

A) FRG/BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR REACTOR AGREEMENT.
IN RESPONSE TO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT' QUESTION ABOUT
CRITICISM IN U.S. OF BRAZILIAN REACTOR DEAL,
CHANCELLOR SAID CONFLICTING COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WERE
AT PLAY HERE AND IT APPEARED CERTAIN COMPANIES HAD GOTTEN
SOME U. S. JOURNALISTS AND REGRETTABLY SOME POLITICIANS
TO RAISE CRITICAL QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, HE KNEW OF NO
CRITICISM BY U.S. GOVERNMENT.

B) PROPOSED RUSSIAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO SERVE
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WEST BERLIN. CHANCELLOR SAID INTER-GOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS

WERE STILL TAKING PLACE AS WELL AS TALKS BETWEEN FRG COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND USSR.

C) BERLIN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS. CHANCELLOR REJECTED. A SUGGESTION THAT INNER-GERMAN TALKS ON IMPROVEMENT OF FRG-BERLIN TRANSPORT FACILITIES HAD BROKEN DOWN OVER FRG LACK OF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS. HE SAID NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LIKELY BE PROTRACTED, AND NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FRG LAENDER OVER ROUTES FOR HIGHWAYS SOMETIMES TAKE YEARS.

D) CSCE FINAL STAGE. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S REMARK THAT PRESIDENT FORD SEEMED SLIGHTLY DOUBTFUL ABOUT IMMINENT THIRD STAGE OF CSCE, CHANCELLOR EXPRESSED FIRM OPINION THAT HELSINKI SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER. SELIGMANN

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